

Capital Projects Advisory Review Board

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The Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB) was created by the 2005 Legislature to provide an evaluation of public capital projects construction processes, including the impact of contracting methods on project outcomes, and to advise the legislature on policies related to public works delivery methods. Per RCW 39.10.230 CPARB shall:

- Develop and recommend to the legislature policies to further enhance the quality, efficiency, and accountability of capital construction projects through the use of traditional and alternative delivery methods in Washington, and make recommendations regarding expansion, continuation, elimination, or modification of the alternative public works contracting methods.
- Evaluate the use of existing contracting procedures and potential future use of other alternative contracting procedures including competitive negotiation contracts.
- Establish a Project Review Committee (PRC) to review and approve GC/CM and Design-Build public works projects.
- Develop and administer questionnaires designed to provide quantitative and qualitative data on alternative public works contracting procedures on which evaluations are based.

BROADLY-BASED MEMBERSHIP IS A SIGNIFICANT ATTRIBUTE OF CPARB

Daniel Absher	General Contractors	John Lynch	General Administration
Vince Campanella	General Contractors	Larry Byers	Insurance/Surety Industry
Norman Strong	Architects	Helaine Honig	Cities
Damon Smith	Engineers	Gary Rowe	Counties
Christine McCorkle	Specialty Contractors	Robert Maruska (Chair)	Ports
Ed Kommers (Vice Chair)	Specialty Contractors	Steven Crawford	Public Hospital Districts
David Myers	Construction Trades Labor	Dan Vaught	School Districts
Mark Riker	Construction Trades Labor	Rep. Kathy Haigh	House of Representatives (D)
Cathy Canorro	OMWBE	Rep. Bruce Dammeier	House of Representatives (R)
John Ahlers	Private Industry	Sen. Rodney Tom	Senate (D)
Christopher Hirst	Private Industry		Senate (R)
Olivia Yang	Higher Education	TOTAL = 23 Members, 19 Voting, 10 Quorum	

Through much stakeholder involvement with subcommittees and taskforces meeting regularly, CPARB has:

- Successfully recommended many revisions to RCW 39.10, Alternative Public Works Contracting Procedures. [2SHB 1506](#) (2007)
- Developed a web-based project data collection system for major state and local public works projects. CPARB's goal is to obtain data for current and past projects so that a meaningful analysis of alternative methods can be conducted and reported to JLARC (sunset review) and others.
- Successfully recommended improvements in public works contracting including: [HB 1195](#) payment of undisputed claims, [HB 1196](#) increasing Small Works Roster project dollar limits, [HB 1197](#) alternative public works changes, and [HB 1199](#) regarding retainage of funds on public works projects (all 2009).
- Responded to legislators' requests to study the UW's Stadium Developer Model, (2009). [Final Report](#).
- Produced white paper on [Optimizing Efficiency in Capital Project Delivery within Current Washington Public Works Statute, 11/09](#), [Approved by CPARB 12/10/09](#) 
- Produced Guidelines to the Project Review Committee for Evaluation of Design Build Operate Maintain (DBOM) Projects, Approved by CPARB 11/09
- Successfully proposed legislative [SB 6401](#), an act relating to an alternative process for selecting an electrical contractor or a mechanical contractor, or both, for general contractor/construction manager's projects. (2010)

- Created subcommittees to support approved Legislation: K-12 Performance Based Construction Contracts: <http://www.ga.wa.gov/cparb/Taskforce.html>
- Created subcommittees or task forces for Small Business Opportunities, Responsibility/Eligibility, Job Order Contracting, and Reauthorization
- Produced [Project Data Analysis Report, 05/11](#), Approved by CPARB 09/11
- Endorsed and participated in ongoing training programs on Alternative Public Works Methods.
- CPARB provides valuable assistance to the legislature regarding public design and construction issues. CPARB members come from various parts of the industry and provide a wide perspective on the issues. CPARB members volunteer their time and the meetings have been well attended. The relatively small administrative cost to manage the board activities has delivered significant public value. Of the \$246,000 biennial funding, less than \$75,000 is used for GA administrative costs. The bulk of the funding is needed for data collection and analysis done by contract.